

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

of the

LIME ROCK FIRE DISTRICT, INC., 1085 Great Road, Lincoln RI 02865

Held June 8, 2010

CALL OF THE MEETING:

Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., June 8, 2010.

Present: Mr. Ronald E. Rivet, Mr. Mark Krieger, Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr., Mr. Paul Harrison, Mr. James A. Fredrikson, Chief Frank M. Sylvester, Office Manager/Tax Collector Ms. Lesley A. Heaton, Treasurer Ms. Christine E. Wood, Mrs. Margaret Lawton, and several firefighters.

MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2010 MEETING:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Minutes of the May 11, 2010 meeting. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. then made a motion to amend the Minutes to add Hollis Hanna of Angell Road as the Arson Watch Rewards winner

as reported in the Tax Collector's Report. Mr. Krieger withdrew his second of the original motion, and seconded the amended motion. The amended Minutes were then approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

PUBLIC INPUT:

There was no Public Input.

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to accept the Chief's Report as presented. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion.

The Commissioners had several questions ranging from alternate routes while the Wilbur Road Bridge is out, to Arson Watch Rewards, drafting, run reports, and sick time.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to send a letter of thanks to Steven Popovich for the donation of grass seed. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

Chief Sylvester explained that the Board of Appeals and Review would inspect Washington Hills, especially regarding installation of a sprinkler system. He stated that the responsibility for any loss should then not rest on Lime Rock.

Accolades were given to Ms. Heaton for her efforts in the fire prevention program and specifically the Arson Watch Rewards program.

Mr. Fredrikson commented on how sharp the Honor Guard and firefighters looked in the Memorial Day parade.

The potential loss of Motor Vehicle Phaseout monies was discussed. The Board was reminded that \$83,000 was received from the State per year under the program. If fire districts were given the right to tax on motor vehicles, Mr. Rivet suggested the possibility of not taxing.

With no further discussion, the Chief's Report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Paul Harrison made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's Report as presented. Mr. James A. Fredrikson seconded the motion.

Ms. Heaton fielded questions regarding tax payments received under protest, public records requests, and collection percentages on her report versus the Treasurer's Report.

The Tax Collector's Report was then approved with all

Commissioners in agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

Ms. Wood explained the volume of information required by FEMA to submit a claim for costs incurred due to the March floods.

With no further discussion the Treasurer's Report was approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

BILLS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL:

Payroll Expenses: **dated 05/06/10-06/02/10 in the**
amount of \$104,221.57

Interim Expenses: dated 05/08/10-06/02/10 in
the amount of \$ 31,117.35

Non-Budgetary Interim Expenses: dated 05/06/10-06/02/10 in
the amount of \$ 1,445.26

Bills for Initial Approval dated 06/04/10-06/04/10 in the
amount of \$ 3,423.47

Non-Budgetary Initial Bills **dated 06/04/10-06/04/10 in the amount of**
\$ 91.50

Total: \$140,299.15

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to approve the Bills Submitted for Approval as presented in the amount of \$140,299.15. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

In response to a question from Mr. Harrison, Ms. Heaton explained that the Valley Breeze bills were for tax sale ads that were required. Other districts had been invoiced for their share of the cost.

Chief Sylvester answered questions regarding the door window regulator, and cost to service the riding mower.

The Bills Submitted for Approval were then approved with all Commissioners in agreement.

Chief Sylvester thanked Ms. Wood for the hard work she had done on the Rules and Regulations, and FEMA requirements.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Retirement Age

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the status of retired firefighters pertaining to working details at Twin River and how to word that in the Rules and Regulations.

Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to eliminate #2 (relating to retired firefighters working non-civic details), and #3 (paying out sick

leave referred to elsewhere in the Rules and Regulations) from Chapter 10, Retirement in the Rules and Regulations. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. then made a motion to add to #1(stating the mandatory retirement age) that the retired firefighter would no longer be affiliated with Lime

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Rock Fire Department. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion. After discussion Mr. Krieger withdrew his second and Mr. Turner withdrew the motion. Elimination of #2 and #3 then passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

2. Out Injured Benefit Policy

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to defer discussion on the Out Injured Benefit Policy. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Rules and Regulations

There was discussion on what changes had been made to the new Rules and Regulations as presented and how to proceed with them. Mr. Charles N. Turner, Jr. made a motion to defer discussion until the July meeting. Mr. Mark Krieger seconded the motion.

Chief Sylvester and Ms. Wood asked for guidance on the granting of

¾ of a day of sick leave even if an individual was out sick. The Commissioners decided to leave the policy in place as written in the Rules and Regulations.

With no further discussion, the motion to defer discussion passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

2. Motor Vehicle Taxation

It was determined that the Legislators had not yet made a decision on motor vehicle taxation.

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to defer discussion of motor vehicle taxation. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Wood read six letters of thanks most of which referred to service received during the March flooding.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Mark Krieger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Paul Harrison seconded the motion, which passed with all Commissioners in agreement. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine E. Wood

Recording Secretary

cc: R. Rivet, M. Krieger, C. Turner, P. Harrison, J. Fredrikson, file

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